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## Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that :

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which

[ X ] is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed :

Prior Foreign Application(s)

*New Zealand Patent Application No: 509995  
Dated 15 February 2001*

Priority Claimed

*Yes*

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the US attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from **PIPERS** as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the US attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the US attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

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